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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

(COL 2)

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

(COL 3)

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In response to the Final Rejection mailed January 9, 2004, Applicants respond as follows.

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